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SUMMARY. AT MAY 21 MEETING, NPG STAFF GROUP COMPLETED DISCUSSIONS ON THE DRAFT PERMREPS REPORT ON THE FOLLOW-ON USE WORK PROGRAM. APART FROM THREE MODIFICATIONS DESCRIBED IN PARA 2 BELOW AND A FEW EDITORIAL CHANGES, STAFF GROUP MEMBERS AGREED WITH THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT PROVIDED TO WASHINGTON IN REF A. SYG LUNS WILL ISSUE THE DRAFT FOR FINAL REVIEW IN CAPITALS AND DISCUSSION AT THE JUNE 3 NPG PERMREPS MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. AT MAY 21 MEETING, NPG STAFF GROUP COMPLETED DISCUSSIONS ON THE DRAFT PERMREPS REPORT ON THE FOLLOW-ON USE WORK PROGRAM. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE THREE MODIFICATIONS DESCRIBED IN PARA 2 BELOW, STAFF GROUP MEMBERS AGREED TO THE TEXT OF DRAFT PROVIDED TO WASHINGTON IN REF A WITH ONLY A FEW MINOR EDITORIAL CHANGES. UK, FRG, CANADIAN, BELGIAN, AND SHAPE REPS INFORMED US REP THAT THEY THOUGHT THE REVISED TEXT CONSTITUTED A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT OVER THE PREVIOUS DRAFT.

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2. STAFF GROUP REPS AGREED TO FOLLOWING THREE MODIFICATIONS TO THE DRAFT:

A) TURKISH REP (SUNGAR) SAID THAT PARA 8 OF THE DRAFT DID NOT REFLECT THE POINT HIS AUTHORITIES MADE IN COMMENTING ON

THE PHASE II PRELIMINARY REPORT THAT CONVENTIONAL FORCES CANNOT SUBSTITUTE FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS. STAFF GROUP MEMBERS TOOK THE POINT, AND MODIFIED THE THIRD SENTENCE OF PARA 8 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. ALTHOUGH CONVENTIONAL FORCES AND THEATER NUCLEAR WEAPONS BOTH ARE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE NATO TRIAD, AND NEITHER ONE CAN REPLACE THE OTHER, WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE...ETC. UNQUOTE.

B) US REP (WOODWORTH) PROPOSED DELETION OF THIRD SENTENCE IN PARA 10 PER WASHINGTON INSTRUCTIONS (REF B). HOWEVER, SEVERAL STAFF GROUP MEMBERS POINTED OUT THAT THE THOUGHT CONTAINED IN THE SENTENCE WAS REFLECTED IN THE PHASE II STUDY TEAM REPORT (PARA 67), AND URGED ITS RETENTION. STAFF GROUP AGREED TO FOLLOWING REVISED SENTENCE WHICH CORRESPONDS MORE CLOSELY WITH THE LANGUAGE IN THE PHASE II STUDY TEAM REPORT: QUOTE. AS NOTED IN THE PHASE II STUDY TEAM REPORT, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT INITIAL USE IN ONE SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES COULD BE ON A LARGER SCALE THAN FOLLOW-ON USE IN ANOTHER, BUT FOLLOW-ON USE BY NATO THAT DID NOT PROVIDE A MORE EMPHATIC SIGNAL THAN INITIAL USE MAY BE EVEN LESS CREDIBLE, AND, THEREFORE, ALSO UNSUCCESSFUL IN CONVINCING AN ENEMY TO TERMINATE HIS ATTACK. UNQUOTE. STAFF GROUP ALSO REVISED FINAL SENTENCE OF PARA 10 TO READ: QUOTE. THEREFORE, THE SCALE OF USE, INCLUDING, INTER ALIA, THE SELECTION OF TARGETS, WOULD BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT...ETC. UNQUOTE.

C) STAFF GROUP, AT SUGGESTION OF UK REP (BEAUMONT), AGREED TO FOLLOWING REVISION OF LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 21, AND ADDITION OF A NEW FINAL SENTENCE: QUOTE. WE BELIEVE THESE EFFORTS TAKEN TOGETHER MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF AN OVERALL POLICY FOR THE USE OF THEATER NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY NATO, AND THAT PHASE III OF THE FOLLOW-ON USE WORK PROGRAM MIGHT USEFULLY BE DIRECTED TOWARD THIS GOAL. THIS SHOULD DESCRIBE NATO THEATER NUCLEAR CAPABILITY, AS WELL AS POLITICAL AND MILITARY CONCEPTS FOR ITS USE. UNQUOTE.

3. IS WILL NOW PUBLISH THE AGREED TEXT OF THE DRAFT PERMREPS REPORT, WHICH SYG LUNS WILL CIRCULATE FOR FINAL REVIEW IN
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CAPITALS, AND DISCUSSION AT THE JUNE 3 NPG PERMREPS MEETING. MISSION WILL TRANSMIT TEXT OF AGREED DRAFT TO WASHINGTON WHEN IT IS ISSUED BY SYG LUNS. BRUCE

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